

NEWSFLASH 13th November 2024

COMMITTEE NEWS

ENROLMENT:

Have you seen the details of 2025 enrolment process in the last Newsflash? Critical dates are as follows:

30/11: Activities for 2025 visible on the website but no enrolments possible as yet

2/12: Enrolment open to convenors, co-convenors, volunteers & sub-committees

5/12: Enrolment for all other members will commence

5/12: OPEN DAY at the Cottage(10am) to assist members who require assistance to enrol.

TBA: SECOND OPEN DAY at the Cottage to assist members who require assistance to enrol. Probably late January.

You can also see details by clicking on the following link supplied by Lars:

<https://u3ahbwilli.org.au/memberships/>

STRATEGIC PLAN:

The “**Draft Strategic Plan for 2025-2027**” is now on the website. The Committee is seeking constructive feedback on the content from members.

The Plan has been developed from the Evaluation conducted in 2023 and subsequent member feedback. The Plan will be used by the Committee to guide future development. The focus on long-term goals will ensure that the organization continues to achieve our Vision and Mission and thrive in the future.

Please take a few minutes to consider the Plan and send your feedback to members@u3ahbwilli.org.au by **Friday 30th November**. Comments will be taken into consideration when the Plan is being finalised.

The document is now uploaded to the web site under About Us/Vision-Mission. Here is a direct link to the document:

<https://u3ahbwilli.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/U3AHBW-Strategic-Plan-2025-2027-DRAFT-FOR-CONSULTATION-20241112.pdf>

COMMITTEE VACANCIES 2025:

As previously announced Ruth Patching will not be re-standing for a committee position in 2025. Her efforts and energy will be missed.

After much thought I have decided that I would not re-nominate as President for 2025/6. I am travelling a lot and want to spend more time looking after my two grandsons. I will continue to support our U3A in whatever capacity I can.

We therefore will have a vacancy for President and for a committee member. For further information or to discuss the possibility of nominating yourself for either position, please chat to an existing member of the committee.

AGM DATE 2025:

The date for the 2025 AGM is 11th March. Please note in your diary.

ACTIVITIES

Just a quick reminder that the following activities still have some vacancies. Go to UMAS to find out details and enrol.

- **Bush & Beach Walks** to Currawong Falls on 28th November
- **Beach Safety Program** on 4th December at Williamstown beach
- Ann Goodwin is looking for more people to join the **Woodwind Ensemble**
- The **Christmas Party** is still taking enrolments
- **Historic walks** are still available
- Magnet Gallery in Docklands on 21st November for a viewing of photographs and talk by the artist about his **life on Tiwi Islands**.

EVER WANTED TO VISIT THE TIWI ISLANDS?

On **Thursday 21st November from 11.30 to 12.30** Nick Walton-Healey has kindly offered to guide a group of members around his exhibition of Tiwi Islands life, explaining the significance of each photograph. He has also produced a book which he hopes to publish in the near future.

This exhibition is held in the Magnet Galleries, Docklands, Melbourne. It is a beautiful space which is easy to access and will do justice to Nick's photographs. The address is SC G19 Wharf St Docklands.

The convenor is happy to meet people on the corner of Docklands Drive and Waterfront Way where the car park is situated. There are also coffee shops around for lunch afterwards. Enrol via UMAS.

BEACH PROGRAM

The Beach Program is run by Life Saving Victoria to introduce people back into the water safely. This will have many benefits, including participating in water activities with younger family members, improve your general fitness, realising your limitations around water and knowing what safe practices are.

If you would like to participate in the beach program, there will be trained/qualified LSV instructors helping you along the way. LSV have also designed the programs around the U3A cohort, so making the program achievable for all participants.

Date: 4/12/2024 at WSLSC starting at 10:00am (enrol via UMAS)

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD

I am pleased to announce the winner of the People's Choice award at the 3rd U3A Art Exhibition - artist David Hardy and his painting titled 'Beauty in Black'. Congratulations David well done and deserved. David attends the Friday morning Art Group. His prize is a \$100 Voucher from Atelier Art Supplies in Champion Road.

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